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SENATE BILL 798

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 2; Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(b)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(C) The commission may, upon finding that a licensee has violated subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (b)(1)(B) two (2) or more times during any two-year period, and for good cause shown, fine the licensee not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and may require retraining under the supervision of the commission of all employees of the licensee in lieu of suspending or revoking the license of the licensee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(j), is amended by deleting subdivisions (3) and (4) in their entireties.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-108, is amended by deleting subsections (c), (e), and (g) and subdivision (f)(4) in their entireties.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-108, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

() A batch of infused product shall be labeled with a list of each ingredient contained in the infusion.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Any hotel licensed under this chapter may sell sealed packages of alcoholic beverages to any registered guest of the hotel. Any alcoholic beverages sold in sealed packages must have all appropriate taxes paid upon them.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-705, is amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the section:

The commission may certify any online training programs that meet the minimum standards as set by the commission.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-301, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (c) as subdivision (c)(1) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (c)(2):

(2) A person required by subdivision (c)(1) to collect and pay the tax on the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises may include the tax in the menu price of the alcoholic beverage or may include the tax on the final bill to the customer. A person that does not include the tax in the menu price of the alcoholic beverage product must advise customers on its menu that a fifteen percent (15%) tax on the sale of alcoholic beverages will be added to the final bill.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-2-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) This title shall not apply to the production of products that have received approval from the alcohol and tobacco tax and trade bureau (TTB) as a non-beverage product.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.